

Community Calendar

FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN BALLET THEATER

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Friends of Michigan Ballet Theater, an auxiliary support group for the Farmington Hills based dance company, will meet for its first orientation session at 7:30 p.m. in Building J, room 409, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Open to all persons interested in supporting ballet performances in Detroit suburban communities.

sion. Persons must be at least 14 years of age to enroll.

USED BOOK SALE

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6-7: "New Books for Old," sale sponsored by Greater Detroit Chapter of Brandy's University National Women's Committee, during regular shopping hours in Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall.

KAYAKING

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Introductory kayaking begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington High School pool, continues on Tuesdays and winds up with a field trip. Fee of \$39 payable at first ses-

ROCK CLIMBING

Tuesday, Sept. 6: Safe Rock Climbing course begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile, continues Tuesdays and winds up with an all-day outing. Fee of \$39

payable at first session. For those over 14 years of age, only.

DUCK IDENTIFICATION CLINIC

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Duck identification clinic, sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Michigan Duck Hunters Association, runs for three Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. Fee is \$2 payable at first session.

CENTER REGISTRATION

Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 7-8: In-person registration for all fall classes, special events, workshops and Fabulous Friday Series, in Farmington Community Center on Farmington Road, north of Ten Mile, with examples of arts and crafts to be taught, and many instructors on hand to answer questions, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Registrations by phone taken after Sept. 10 until all class loads are filled.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Wilderness survival course begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile, continues on Wednesdays and winds up with a weekend outing. Fee is \$39 payable at first session. Participants must be at least 14 years of age.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Thursday, Sept. 8: Free oral polio and booster shots; shots for measles, rubella, mumps and TB tests for all children up to the age of 17, sponsored by Oakland County 1/4th Department, from 9 a.m. to noon, in First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River.

AUDITIONS

Thursday, Sept. 8: Madrigal Club of Detroit holds auditions for women at least 18 years of age who can sight read at 7 p.m. in Calvary Lutheran Church, 28001 Evergreen, south of Twelve Mile, Southfield.

TWINS RE-SALE

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8-9: "Twins Re-Sale," sponsored by Farmington Mothers of Twins Club, in the garage at 35928 Johnston in Independence Commons, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, offers duplicates of the majority of items on sale; children's toys, cribs, high chairs, clothing, bedding and equipment.

ART AUCTION

Friday, Sept. 9: Art auction, coordinated by Gallery Art Center, begins with a champagne preview at 8 p.m. in St. Gerald Catholic Church parish

hall, 21300 Farmington Road. Donation of \$1.50 asked at the door.

FIESTA

Friday through Sunday, Sept. 9-11: "Fiesta," carnival with midway games, live entertainment, helicopter rides, contests for children on the grounds of St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shiawassee, from 5-11 p.m. Friday; from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; from noon-9 p.m. Sunday. Family picnic facilities available. Reduced prices for children from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Special events agenda available by calling the church rectory, 474-5748.

CARNATION SALE

Saturday, Sept. 10: Carnation sale, sponsored by American Cancer Society, with volunteer salesmen from Farmington Area Branch of the society at shopping centers in the two communities, all day.

FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 13: Farmington Area Arts Commission hears end of the year reports on all events of 1976-77 season at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. Open to all interested persons.



Dramatics for youngsters

Georganne Sugden (third from right) is flanked by some of her students who finished up the summer with their first dramatics class. Ms. Sugden returns to the Farmington Community Center with a full fall schedule of creative dramatics for pre-schoolers through third graders, and an acting workshop for junior high schoolers. Registration begins Sept. 7 and continues until all classloads are full.

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Leather goods require TLC

Leather garments are popular in Michigan. The natural material keeps out the dampness and cold on rainy fall and snowy winter days and also makes beautiful coats which improve with age.

"Good leather coats can be worn for years and years," said Ken Eaton, "if they are cared for properly. They are easy to clean and because leather is strong, they are very durable."

But Eaton, the owner of the Leatherworks, a shop that specializes in leather goods, said most people don't know how to care for their leather garments.

"Suede requires so much care that I don't sell it in my shop," the Rochester shop owner stated. "I recommend people wear them until they're so dirty they can throw them out. That's why I don't think people should spend

more than \$100 for suede."

"Shirtings and sueded should be sent to the cleaners for care but they don't necessarily need to be cleaned every year. If you brush off shirtings so the water doesn't melt into the coat and brush the fur with a dog brush so it doesn't get matted, it won't need to go to the cleaners as often."

"But don't wait to send it until it's too dirty to get clean or too matted to be fluffed again," Eaton stressed.

HE SAID most people make their mistakes caring for too many leather garments.

Dry cleaning and leather don't go together, according to Eaton. He recommends home care since naked leathers don't require a protective finish.

The shop owner, who has been at

116 E. Fourth Street for two years, said if a preparation like saddle soap or mink oil is put on leather, it may dry out the material and change the garment's color.

Instead, he recommends washing leather with a mild solution of bar soap or Ivory liquid and water.

"Take the solution without many bubbles and wash large areas of the garment. For instance, wash the sleeves up to the shoulder. If the collar is dirty, wash the entire collar."

This solution will get off most stains, according to Eaton. He also recommended a gum eraser to remove markings such as ink marks.

If someone wants to try a cleaning preparation, Eaton said putting it on the leather inside the garment to see how it looks when it dries after 24 hours.

"If you can live with the garment the way the patch looks when it dries, then use it if you want. But often the leather may be a darker color or it may be drier."

EATON DOES recommend a product called mat leather care. He said if it is rubbed uniformly over a large

area, the leather dries very close to its original texture, color and look.

"But I hate to be responsible for recommending a product," said Eaton. "I really don't support using products on leather goods."

A representative from Village Cleaners at 134 Main Street in Rochester said leather goods brought in by customers are sent to another city to be cleaned.

"We recommend having cowhides and sueded cleaned once a year. Sometimes the color will come back different. If that happens, we send them back and have them redyed."

"But we don't recommend saddle soap because it might ruin the cowhides," she said.

To help leather goods maintain their natural characteristics Eaton said they should be stored loosely in closets while hung on wooden hangers.

"The leather has to be able to breathe. The worst thing to do is to cover it with a sealed plastic bag and pick into a tight closet spot. Instead, cover the leather with a cotton sheet that breathes if you want to cover it."

Shall we dance?

Come fall, the floors and walls of the Farmington Community Center will resound with clicks and taps, the music of Haydn or Berlin.

What it all means is that dance classes are in full swing. Ballet, jazz, tap, ballroom and disco all find a place at the center.

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